



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Parkes Place
CANBERRA ACT 2600

10 November 2016

Senator the Hon Stephen Parry
President of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Mr President

**Questions referred to the Court of Disputed Returns pursuant to section 376 of the
Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (Cth)
Re: Senator Rodney Norman Culleton**

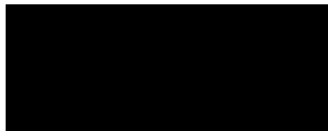
I acknowledge receipt on 9 November 2016 of your letter dated 8 November 2016 and the accompanying material.

I wish to advise that the High Court of Australia will sit as the Court of Disputed Returns on Monday, 21 November 2016 at 11.30 am (AEDT) in Canberra for the purpose of giving directions as to the hearing and determination of the questions transmitted by the Senate pursuant to section 377 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (Cth)*.

Notice of the Court's sitting will be published on the High Court's website, and in *The Australian* newspaper and *The West Australian* newspaper.

A copy of the notice is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Phelan

Encl. Copy Notice



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

SENATOR RODNEY NORMAN CULLETON

TAKE NOTICE that the High Court of Australia will sit as the Court of Disputed Returns pursuant to s 376 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918 (Cth) at 11:30am (AEDT) on Monday 21 November 2016 at Parkes Place, Parkes in Canberra, for the purpose of giving directions as to the hearing and determination by the Court of Disputed Returns of the following questions transmitted by the Senate on Tuesday 8 November 2016 pursuant to s 377 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918 (Cth):

- (a) whether, by reason of s 44(ii) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Rodney Norman Culleton was returned;
- (b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
- (c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
- (d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

Any person who desires to place any evidence before or make any submission to the Court should apply to the Court by email addressed to Senate.Reference.Culleton@hcourt.gov.au by 12:00noon (AEDT) on Thursday 17 November 2016 setting out the reasons why they should be granted leave to appear before the Court. The Court may determine such application on the papers or invite the person to appear and make oral submissions to the Court in Canberra (or by video-link if required) at 11:30am (AEDT) on Monday 21 November 2016.

Inquiries should be directed to the Registry in Canberra by telephoning (02) 6270 6862.

DATED 9 NOVEMBER 2016

Andrew Phelan
Chief Executive and Principal Registrar